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Thursday 25 October 2018, 14:00-16:00 Private Office Boardroom



Members	Alison Saunders	Jeremy	Secretariat	Jade Whittle-
	(C)	Newman		Barnes
	Paul Staff	Alison Porter		Lissa Matthews
	Jean Ashton	Monica Burch	Guests	Graham Ritchie
	Susan Hemming	Mark Hammond		Dave Cass
Apologies	Gregor McGill			Chris Sharp

Item 1: Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

- 1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and progress was noted against outstanding actions.
- 2. The Board noted apologies from Gregor McGill.

Item 2: Strategic Update

- 3. The Director updated the Board her recent work, this included:
 - Meeting with Forensic Science regulator, Dr Gillian Tully;
 - Meeting with Lynne Owens, Director General of the National Crime Agency;
 - Liverpool John Moores University Masterclass on legal decision making;
 - CPS Awards for Excellence;
 - The launch of the updated Code for Crown Prosecutors;
 - Cross Agency Disclosure Seminar; and
 - Her recent round of Area visits.
- 4. The Director also provided an update on her introductory meetings with the newly appointed Attorney-General, the Right Honourable Geoffrey Cox QC MP.
- 5. The Board were also updated on the Director's international work, this included attendance at the International Association of Prosecutors Conference and the Eurojust Consultative Forum. The Director's work in this arena had focussed on

contingency planning with European partners in anticipation of the UK's upcoming exit from the European Union.

- 6. Paul Staff, Chief Executive, updated the Board on his recent work, this included:
 - The appointment of a new Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, Simon Jeffreys;
 - The appointment of a new Independent Assessor of Complaints, Moi Ali; and
 - Changes in ICT contracts.

Item 3: Disclosure

7. Sue Hemming, Director of Legal Services, presented the papers to the Board, which included an update on outstanding actions from the National Disclosure Improvement Plan (NDIP.

Item 4: Q1 Area Performance

8. Dave Cass, Head of the Performance Management Unit, presented the Q1 report.

Item 5: Q1 Corporate Performance

9. Chris Sharp, Director of Finance, presented the Q1 corporate performance report which measured the Service's performance against the objectives set out in the 2018-19 business and financial plan.

Item 6: Strategic Outlook

10. Graham Ritchie, Head of the Prosecution Policy and Inclusion Unit, presented the strategic outlook, which was a more focussed version of the horizon scan usually considered by the Board at this time.

Item 7: Policy Review

11. Paul Staff presented the paper on the findings of the policy review.

Item 8: Any Other Business

12. The Board paid tribute to Alison Saunders for 32 years of dedicated public service. They thanked her for her five years leadership as Director and wished her well at her last meeting.

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